

THE WOOD RIVER WATERSHED ADVISORY GROUP MEETING MINUTES

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Big Wood Canal Company, 112 S. Apple St. Shoshone, Id

Thursday, April 30th, 2009

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ATTENDEES:

1. Carolyn Rambough- IDEQ-TFRO
2. Mike Etcheverry-IDEQ-TFRO
3. Sue Switzer-IDEQ-TFRO
4. Clint Krahn-IRRIG. AG/ CHAIRMAN
5. Lynn Harmon-BWCC
6. Bob Bolte-GOODING SCD
7. Alan Monek-IASCD
8. Dayna Gross- THE NATURE CONSERVANCY
9. Kathryn Goldman-WOOD RIVER LAND TRUST
10. Carol Blackburn-CONSERVATION
11. Virginia Glasscock-THE NATURE CONSERVANCY
12. Joe Schwarzbach-IASCD
13. Bob Turner-37 N- LITTLE WOOD IRRI.
14. Bryan Ravenscroft-HYDROPOWER
15. Terry Blau-IDWR

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

7:00 PM

Clint Krahn-WAG Chairman, called the meeting to order.

II. WAG BUSINESS

7:02 PM

1. Approved Minutes-
 - a. Clint Krahn entertained a motion to approve the minutes as read. Lynn Harmon made the motion, and Bob Bolte seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Clint Krahn handed out a set of the Bi-Laws for the WAG.
 - c. Bob Bolte made a motion to approve the Croy Creek Project. Carol Blackburn seconded the motion. Bryan Ravenscroft denied the motion.
 - d. Bob Bolte made a motion to approve the Silver Creek Project. Lynn Harmon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - e. Lynn Harmon made a motion to approve the Crystal Creek Project. Bob Bolte seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

III. 319 PROCESS/ WAG RESPONSIBILITIES

7:05 PM

Mike Etcheverry- DEQ

Each WAG is responsible for advising IDEQ on specific actions that are needed to control the water bodies within there watershed. IDEQ has a grant process for special projects that will improve water quality standards within each watershed. As part of the grant process, each WAG will listen to the presentations for the projects. Then they will decide if the project is viable. If the WAG votes to pass it through, they would then draft a support letter to IDEQ-State Office.

From there the project goes onto the BAG (Basin Advisory Group). The BAG would then listen to the presentations and rank them as far as priority, and send them to the State Office. All of the BAG's in Idaho will go to the state office to rank all of the projects. Only a certain amount of projects will make it through for funding.

IV. CROY CREEK RIPARIAN & WETLAND RESTORATION

7:14 PM

Kathryn Goldman-Wood River Land Trust

(Power-Point Presentation) The project will improve the floodplain and wetland functioning and assist with trapping sediment and nutrients during high flows from Croy Creek, as it enters the Big Wood River. The idea is to restore the remaining portion of the landfill to a native riparian area. The fill removal and restoration of native vegetation will improve groundwater and surface water quality in Croy Creek and the Big Wood River, as the new riparian plants will filter water and trap sediment during spring flows. Along the bank of the river, the newly planted native cottonwood trees mature and shade the river during hot summer months and help keep the water temperatures cold for trout. The proposed project supports the goals of the Big Wood River Implementation planning effort under the approved Big Wood River TMDL. The total cost of the project is \$ 143,075.00, with match funds of 40%.

V. SILVER CREEK/LOVING CREEK RESTORATION

7:41 PM

Dayna Gross-The Nature Conservancy

(Power- Point Presentation) This project is to restore and enhance the wetlands, marshes, and the waters that make up the Silver Creek landscape. The idea is to develop a Watershed Restoration and Enhancement Program, which develops as a habitat assessment tool specific to spring creeks. The objectives are to lower the water temperatures throughout Loving Creek by narrowing the water channels; creating islands; increasing riparian buffers and riparian plantings. The in- stream silt will be stabilized to create the islands and willows will be planted along with birch, and dogwoods to increase shade and wind barriers. The total cost of the project is \$ 358,000.00, with match funds of 43.72%.

VII. CRYSTAL CREEK & BLACK SLOUGH PROJECT

8:20 PM

Mike Etcheverry- DEQ

(Power- Point Presentation) The project will restore the eco-system on the two ranches. The restoration objectives are to maintain the natural channel; reduce the water temperatures; restore the biology; maintain the flows; improve the agriculture and stabilize the riparian plant communities; to protect the aquatic habitat and expand the spawning habitats. The total cost of the project is \$ 417,000. They are asking for the maximum amount of the grant.

VIII. WAG DISCUSSION ON THE PROPOSALS

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Clint Krahn- WAG Chairman

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Clint Krahn-WAG Chairman

Dayna Rambough
Secretary

Clint Krahn
Chairman - Bob Simpson
9-22-09

Date of Approval